



Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Aldermen Lonnie Cox, Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley answered roll call. Alderman David Wilkins was absent. Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, Chief of Police Harlan Hatton, City Clerk Marilyn Dick. Citizens present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Linda Bormann, Sam Jennings, Anne Jennings.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mayor Cox led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Minutes:

Due to an unexpected emergency Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch was unable to attend the meeting, and requested to be rescheduled for a later date.

a. Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch

5. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Re-zoning Request for 404 S. Jenkins

Minutes:

Mayor Cox opened the public hearing for Re-zoning Request for 404 S Jenkins at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Cox relayed that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended 404 S Jenkins be rezoned from R1 to R2. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.

6. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Mayor Cox opened the floor for Comments from Citizens at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Cox reported he had

been approached by citizens questioning the safety of the road crossing at Hwy 22 and Howard Burton intersection. Mayor Cox confirmed this is a MDOT situation to address. Hearing no further comments, comments from citizens was closed at 6:35 p.m.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved as a group unless separated by request of one or more Aldermen. (Motion)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

- a. Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
- b. Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- c. General Government & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
- d. Planning & Zoning Minutes
- e. Collector's Report
- f. Treasurer's Report
- g. Activity Reports

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1,250

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the accounts payable over \$1,250, for a total of \$787,371.61. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

ACTION AGENDA

9. FINANCE

a. City of Centralia - Payment Request No. 11 - Project Number DW291366-01

(motion)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve payment request # 11, Project number DW291366-01 for \$3777.40. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

b. Centralia WW Reimbursement Request #14 (labeled as #13 for DNR)

(motion)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve WW Reimbursement Request #14 (labeled as #13 for DNR) for a total of \$899,098.34. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

10. LEGAL

a. Legal - Change Compensation for City Employee-ORD

Bill No. 2514 Ordinance 3170

Minutes:

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2514 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI." Alderman Rodgers moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Rodgers moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Rodgers moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Cox, Hudson, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 3170.

b. Legal - Rezoning of Parcel of land at 404 S Jenkins from R-1 to R-2

Bill No. 2515 Ordinance 3171

Minutes:

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2515 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI FROM ZONE DISTRICT R-1 TO ZONE DISTRICT R 2 AND AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP ACCORDINGLY." Alderman Deckerd moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Deckerd moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Deckerd moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 3171.

11. PURCHASING**a. 2023 Asphalt Overlay Bid Proposals**

(motion)

Minutes:

The City of Centralia Request for Proposals for Asphalt Overlays- FY2023-24 resulted in

two bids being returned.

Proposals submitted: Capital Paving & Construction, LLC: 2" Asphalt Overlay: \$218,742.83
Edge Milling: \$11,250.00 Total: \$229,992.83 Christensen Construction Co: 2" Asphalt
Overlay: \$213,098.00

Alderman Hudson made a motion to accept the Asphalt Overlay Proposal from Christensen
Construction Co for \$213,098.00. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the
Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

12. MAYOR

a. Appointments - Re-appoint Katherine Butrum, Felcia Beckmann & Suzanne Long to the Library Board

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the Mayor's re-appointments of Katherine
Butrum, Felcia Beckman, and Suzanne Long to the Library Board. Alderman Deckerd
seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried
unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

b. Appointments - Appoint Reagan DeLima as Part Time Fire Fighter

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the appointment of Reagan DeLima as a
Part-Time Fire Fighter. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for
ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Monthly Report

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain reported that the recent Meet the Machines event was a huge
success, with over 300 children attending. Two food truck vendors ran out of food and other
food vendors were also pleased with the event.

A \$20,000 ARPA match grant was recently awarded to the Centralia Fire Protection
Department. The other ARPA grant awards should be announced by Boone County the end
of June.

14. CITY ATTORNEY

15. CITY CLERK

Minutes:

City Clerk Marilyn Dick advised the Board that the annual MML conference will be held in Kansas
City in September. Any Board members wishing to attend will notify Dick so reservations can be

confirmed. She also reported that the city's annual audit by Williams Keepers will begin on July 3. The Assistant City Clerk 1 position resulted in many applications submitted; interviews have commenced and a decision will be made this week. The part-time Scanning Clerk position remains open at this time.

16. AS MAY ARISE

a. Discussion - LETI Training Expense Reimbursement Agreement

Minutes:

City Administrator led discussion on the possible implementation of a police officer LETI Training Expense Reimbursement Agreement. Due to the difficulty in receiving applicants for police officer positions Chief Hatton proposed that a contract be drafted to allow candidates be employed while still attending Police Academy training, with conditions of continued employment with Centralia PD. Other municipalities have adopted similar contracts; it was determined that the other contracts will be obtained and reviewed as samples.

City Administrator Strain reported that recent allegations that the City has denied a coffee shop and a donut shop from opening in Centralia are false. She also advised that the City has received no qualified applications for the Electric Department Foreman, and encouraged the Board to look at industry standard wages. MPUA has supplied the City with two workers on a rotating basis, but this is not a long-term solution. Discussion was held and the Board directed Administrator Strain to prepare a recommendation for possible increased pay for the Foreman position. Alderman Rodgers reported he was recently approached by some parties from the local Catholic Church regarding their need for a new sewer line for a new church construction on Hwy 124 property. Discussion was held, after which Administrator Strain stated the Church will need to submit a written, detailed proposal of their requests.

17. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Hudson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Vote results: Aye 5/ Nay 0/ Absent 1.